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APPLICANT:	GOLD ET AL.	}	EXAMINER:	FORMAN, B.J.
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TITLE:	NUCLEIC ACID LIGANDS			

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 16, 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this submission.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this submission.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this submission.